



ATV arrives by cargo ship in Kourou, French Guiana, July 2007.



Dry Cargo Bench Review provides final opportunity for crew and support personnel to inspect logistics flying on ATV, October 2007.



1300 kg of dry cargo, including food (500 kg) clothing (80 kg) and replacement hardware are loaded in ATV, December 2007.



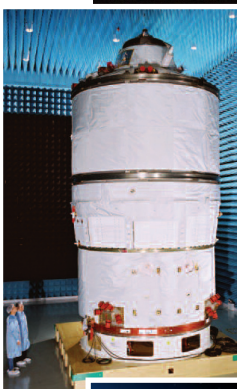
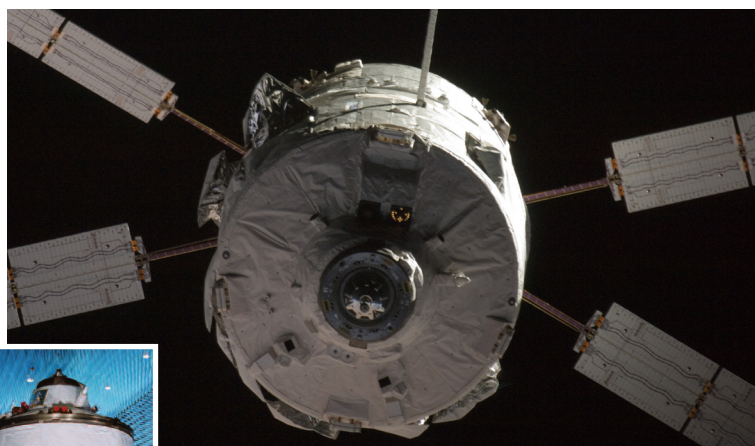
ATV Control Centre in Toulouse, France. A 60 person French Space Agency CNES team will manage ATV operations.

Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) Jules Verne Launch

The first ATV, launched March 9, 2008 was the first ever rendezvous and docking of a European spacecraft in orbit. Equipped with its own propulsion and navigation systems, the ATV is a fully automatic vehicle that has been developed and is certified for human safety requirements. Once docked to the ISS, the ATV can remain there for up to six months as an integral part of the complex.

The ATV pressurized cargo bay is based on the Italian MPLM.

The ATV propulsion system will help to maintain the ISS orbit through periodic Rocket firings.



Liftoff of the Ariane 5 ES-ATV launcher from the Ariane Launch Complex no.3 (ELA-3) at the Guiana Space Centre, Europe's Spaceport, in Kourou, French Guiana, on March 9, 2008.